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The Honorable William J. Casey
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of The Raoul Wallenberg Committee of the United States. As you know, Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved one hundred thousand Hungarian Citizens from the Nazis during World War II and is now an Honorary Citizen of the United States, has been held in the Soviet Union for over forty years. There continues to be some possibility that he may yet be alive. I might add, that the official position of both our own government and of the government of Sweden is that he is indeed alive. There also exists some reasonable evidence to allow one to think that.

As you might imagine, looking for one man in the Gulag is a bit like looking for a needle in a haystack, but perhaps we shall someday be lucky and sit on the needle. Last month when Mr. Yurchenko was being debriefed, I do know that questions about the Wallenberg case were included in that debriefing. I am also aware that the gentlemen who defected to the British was also questioned. Even though no new information came to light, it was terribly important that these questions were asked.

What I am now writing to ask of you, Sir; is that for the next ten years, whenever a Russian defector is debriefed (either at our facility in West Germany or here in the United States) that a question on Raoul Wallenberg be automatically included in the debriefing. I request that this be done on a strictly routine basis. Chances are that most persons will know nothing about Wallenberg, as the Russians have tried most effectively to cover-up this mistake; but what a wonderful coup for our government to produce some hard evidence to disprove what the Russians have been claiming for years, that Wallenberg died of a heart attack at the age of thirty-five in 1947. We know that this version is totally untrue; the Swedish government has significant evidence to the contrary in their files in the Foreign Ministry.

Within the last month Mr. Sten Andersson, Sweden's new Foreign Minister, has appointed Mr. Rune Nystrom, Special Ambassador to Investigate the Raoul Wallenberg Case.

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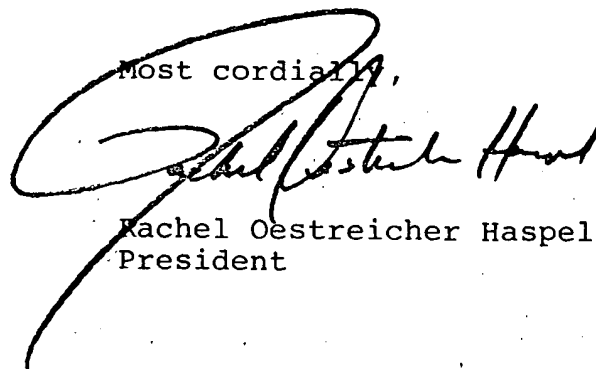
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I believe that you could count on serious cooperation and support from Sweden on this matter. I do know that they continue to press Moscow on this issue at varying levels, and I am not unaware that they have been in touch with our own government on this question.

We shall be very grateful to you for whatever you can do for this extraordinary hero. He was acting on behalf of the United States when he undertook his mission to Hungary. Even forty years later, we still owe him our support; I know that you will do whatever you are able.

With every good wish.

Most cordially,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Oestreicher Haspel', is written over the typed name and title.

Rachel Oestreicher Haspel
President

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Mr. William J. Casey
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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Washington, D.C. 20505

November 11, 1985

Dear Mr. Casey

I recall with pleasure meeting you in your New York offices several times during 1979 to negotiate improved energy technology projects, such as a low cost nuclear fuel enriching method for electric utilities. Thus I had a chance to observe and savour your nimble and deft handling of complicated matters.

This time I turn to you on behalf of Raoul Wallenberg, a former Swedish diplomat, created HONORARY US CITIZEN in 1981 by President Reagan. Most unfortunately he languishes in Soviet labor camps since 1945 after saving over 100,000 people from Nazi deportation in Hungary. For details I attach the copies of my letter to President Reagan and that of The Raoul Wallenberg Committee's president.

The rumored Soviet subterfuge for his cruel and appalling treatment were allegations by the Soviet that Mr. Wallenberg spied for the USA. This is ridiculous and completely untrue in the judgement of many experts and myself, as I was often with him in those times as one of his young helpers.

All efforts to free him, even as a US citizen were unsuccessful up to now.

My reason for turning to you is my strong belief that you with your exceptional abilities, sophisticated long experience in such matters and your important position may open "other avenues" to help this worthy man to gain his freedom. - Perhaps an exchange of persons between the two countries or other quiet steps may prove more more effective than the former approaches.

Knowing how busy you must be, dear Mr. Casey, I still appeal to you for a very brief telephone interview or talking to one of your assistants to whom you have delegated this matter. I saw Mr. Wallenberg in those times and I may be of help.

Thanking you in advance

very sincerely

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The Honorable Mr. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States of America
The White House
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November 10, 1985

Dear President Reagan:

As a staunch republican and admirer of your courage and effectiveness as a leader I turn to you on behalf of Raoul Wallenberg whom you have created HONORARY US CITIZEN in 1981 for his selfless and courageous saving of over 100,000 Hungarians in 1944 at the height of Nazi depravations.

This member of a well known Swedish banking family has risked his own life in Hungary for many months facing Nazi SS and Gestapo agents in his humanitarian work. Truly the most "noble" person in the fullest sense of the word.

His reward: illegal capture by the Soviets and disappearance in Soviet forced labor camps since 41 years.
The most daunting yet cowardly and appalling case of human rights violation.

I am a friend of his family and helped in his work in 1944 in Budapest, thus I can speak from experience about him and of those terrible times. A few years later I escaped myself through the Iron Curtain when the Hungarian Government turned completely into a Soviet puppet. I came to the USA on a graduate fellowship and settled here as a US citizen.

Your office probably receives many letters from thousands of concerned US citizens, as this became a national case especially now before your meeting with Mr. Gorbachev, who may be tough but seems more reasoning than his predecessors.

Mr. Wallenberg now about 73 years old deserves freedom for his remaining years. He gave freedom to over 100,000 people and unjustly lost his own.

I fervently hope Sir in your help as the strongest champion of human rights and a courageous and brave man yourself.

God bless you Mr. President !

most sincerely and thankfully

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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
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My dear President Reagan:

Let me just say how wonderful it is to see you in good health once again. You and Mrs. Reagan have set such a fine example of courage and dignity in the face of adversity; please know that you have been, and continue to be, in the hearts and the prayers of the American people. God bless you, sir.

I am writing to you today in my capacity as President of the Raoul Wallenberg Committee of the United States. The approaching summit meeting between you and General Secretary Gorbachev is of gravest concern to the world on so very many levels. But, sir, in the area of Human Rights which you have already announced is to be on your agenda, the case of Raoul Wallenberg is of primary concern to millions of Americans who feel that he has been dealt with unjustly for over forty years.

More than sixty million Americans saw the television mini-series about Raoul Wallenberg; we have felt its impact in a significant way here in our office and it is now being shown throughout the world. The Honorary American Citizenship which you signed into Law on October 5th, 1981 must be honored. Raoul Wallenberg has languished in the Soviet Gulag illegally and with no recourse to justice for the past forty years. It is now time that our government must act on his behalf in a more meaningful fashion. He does not need window dressing, he is seventy-three years of age, he needs help. Must he continue to suffer simply because he was willing to act with great humanitarianism and courage in order to save over one hundred thousand of his fellow human beings while much of the world watched and was helpless. He does deserve better; one of the great advantages of his Honorary Citizenship is that it allows the greatest and the most honorable country in the history of the world to put its strength into the battle on his behalf.

You, sir, are in such a unique position to help this great hero. Would you please consider using the power and the influence of your elected position in Raoul Wallenberg's behalf? The Soviet Union has a new leader who seems to be aware of the power of the beau geste. Most of the Soviet

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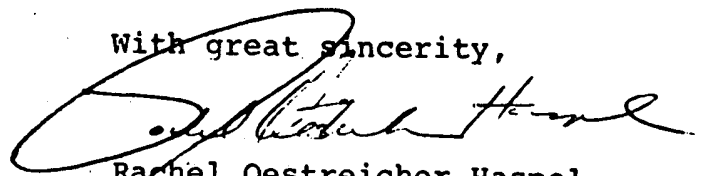
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officials implicated in the Wallenberg Case are no longer living, the one exception, of course, is Andrei Gromyko; but perhaps Mr. Gorbachev may find a positive way out of this dilemma. I believe it can be done; particularly as the name "Wallenberg" was misspelled in the 1957 Gromyko letter. I truly believe that Mr. Gromyko was leaving a crack in the door. The Soviet Union has always done business with the Wallenberg family's banking house, and anyone in the Foreign Office of the Soviet Union would have known how to spell Wallenberg.

At this particular moment in history, it is my personal opinion, that any help on the part of the United States Government would be welcomed by the government of Sweden. There is renewed interest in the Raoul Wallenberg case on a world-wide basis. The recent television mini-series has had great impact in every country in which it has thus far been shown. 60,000,000 Americans watched it last April, and it is certain to be shown several times more. The Raoul Wallenberg Case is not seen as a Jewish issue, but as an American issue by those who take his story and his Honorary American Citizenship seriously. I know, Mr. President, that you are among those who feel most strongly about this outstanding hero.

I pray for your success in Geneva and for your continued good health. God bless you in all that you undertake.

With great sincerity,



Rachel Oestreicher Haspel
President

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